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TOTAL LECTURE HOURS IN A WEEK IN COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has directedthat Delhi University and the colleges that duration of total lectures in a week should be essentially be 40 hours;

(b) whether the DUTA is opposing the said direction;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to stop politicization of education?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (d): The UGC Regulations on revisionof pay scales, minimum qualifications for appointment of teachers in Universities and Colleges and other measures for the maintenance of standards, inter-alia, stipulate that the work load of university/college teachers should not be less than 40 hours a week for 30 working weeks in an academic year. Out of this, the minimum teaching workload per week is 16 hours for Lecturers, 14 hours for Readers and Professors. Further, a teacher should be available for atleast 5 hours daily in the University/College. The Universities are autonomous organisations and it is for them to evolve appropriate mechanisms to ensure that relevant regulations of UGC on the subject are implemented.